

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Global Songs for World Communion Sunday
(from Indonesia, Japan, Latin America)

Introit

Hamba Nathi (Come, Walk With Us)

South Africa

Call to Worship

We have come together as one.

One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

We will worship together as one.

One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

We are being empowered as one by One.

One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

One people, giving witness to the power of One.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 364

Lift Up the Gates Eternal

GILU HAGALILIM

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace. When we could see Jesus in others, we turn away from those who are unlike us, who scare us. When we could offer peace to those around us, we break our promises, we hoard grudges in our hearts, we pander to prejudice. When we could speak of hope, we fling words that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with all people, we try to push them as far away from us as possible. Redeem us, O God, and pour out your grace upon us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever.

From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's children: citizens of God's realm, siblings in Christ. We shall live forgiven and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Song of Praise

We Will Walk With God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your row.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response 528

Come, Let Us Eat

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HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (pp. 631-632)

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1-16 (pp. 193-194)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Communion, Peace, and Witness

The Rev. Dr. Tom Hastings

*Hymn 515

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Like children called to the dinner table by a loving parent after a day of playing outside, the children of God are called to share a meal at Christ's table. And the table will be wide.

Center: And the welcome will be wide.

Organ Side: And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

Copeland Side: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

Center: And we will come unhindered and free.

Organ Side: And our aching will be met with bread.

Copeland Side: And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

Center: And we will turn toward each other without fear.

Organ Side: And we will give up our appetite for despair.

Copeland Side: And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

Center: And we will become drink for those who thirst.

Organ Side: And the blessed will become the blessing.

Copeland Side: And everywhere will be the feast.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

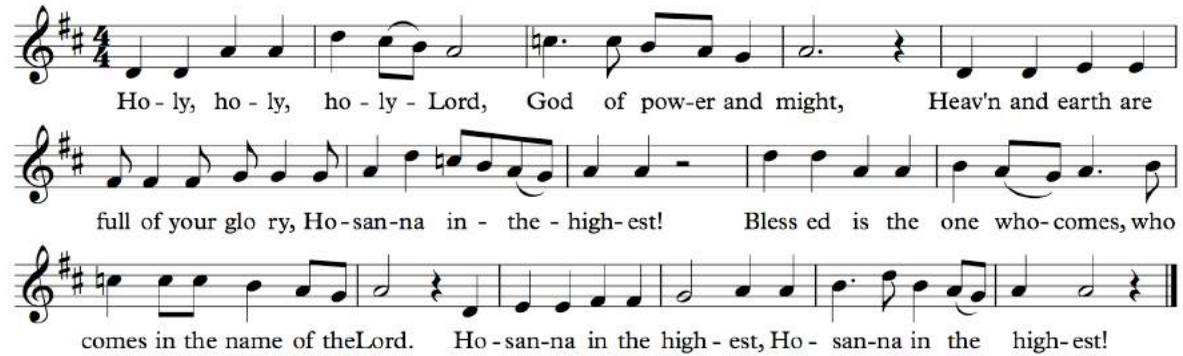
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people sing out:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly-Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in-the-high-est! Bless-ed is the one who-comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est!

... Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

The Offering
Offertory

I Was Glad (Yo me alegré)

Bell

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, you have filled the earth with good things and invited us to share freely in the blessings of life. By sharing our gifts with others, we proclaim your grace. May the offerings we present be a sign of the abundant life you intend for all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn 633

Praise Ye the Lord

CLEVELAND

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Shalom cheverim

Israeli Folk Tune

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Charles McEnally

Ushers: Cressida Lui, Paula Burkhard

Communion Servers: Jim Duncan, Betty Whitney, Lynn Autry, Dick Hasbany, Susan Frew

Flowers: Given by the Worship Committee to celebrate World Communion Sunday

Friendship Hour Hosts: The Wallman Family

Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

We Welcome The Reverend Dr. Thomas Hastings to the pulpit this morning. Tom and his wife Carol have been worshipping with us for several years, since he began his tenure as the Executive Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC.) Prior to his move to Connecticut, he was the senior research fellow at the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York City and associate director at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, NJ. From 1988-2008, he and Carol served Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers in Japan.

Nursery care is provided each morning from 10:30-noon in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available next door in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Special Offering: Today we collect the Peace and Global Witness (Peacemaking) offering, one of our denominations special offerings dedicated to programs promoting peace in our world. 25% of the offering remains in our church for local peace building programs. Please support the special offering by using the envelopes in the pews or write "Peacemaking" on your check.

TODAY during Friendship Hour: Help end hunger: Join other communities of faith today and join us at coffee hour as we write legislators to support bills that address the issues of poverty and hunger here in the United States and around the world. This is our chance to be doers and live out the teachings of our Christ to care for the poor and feed the hungry. The letters you write today will be taken up in next week's offering and delivered to our legislators' offices in Hartford.

Volunteer Signup Sheets are now digital! An iPad is available in the Copeland Room to signup for Ushers, Friendship Hour Hosts, First Sunday Flowers, Columbus House Monthly Dinner Prep, Potlucks and attending Monday ULA meetings. A member of the Welcome Team will assist you if you've never used signup genius. Note that you can also signup from your smart phone or computer at www.signupgenius.com; search for signups originating from fpcnhadm@gmail.com.

Youth Group: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This evening we will kick off our month at United Church on the Green with a movie at the Criterion theater. Note that this event is for high schoolers only. Email youth@fpcnh.org for more info.

Next Saturday, Oct 13th: Join the Property Committee for our next all-hands Property Workday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will join together in fellowship to plant spring bulbs, pull weeds, spread mulch, clean rooms, and take care of various other tasks to sustain the grounds and buildings that allow us to carry out our calling to be the Living Church. Contact Arthur Shippee for more info.

Next Sunday, October 14th – Potluck Lunch: At the Living Church Sunday Potluck lunch this season, we will learn some new things through an all-church-'pub trivia'-type game! Bring your favorite potluck dish but leave your cell phones behind - tables will have to work together to come up with the answers to interesting questions about our Church!

Play & Pray, a group for parents with young children, will meet on Sunday afternoon, October 14th. Contact Marcia Mecca for more information.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday Bruce Gordon will lead a program on "The Church and Prayer." On Sunday, October 21st, the topic will be food insecurity in the New Haven area and how we can respond collaboratively. Come hear perspectives from local activists: FISH – Food in Service to the Homebound, New Haven Farms, and Massaro Community Farm.

Sunday School For Children and Youth: Starting at 9:30 a.m., we begin in the green classroom for a time of greeting and opening prayer. Then children will be guided to their own age group classes. Keith and Sophie (teachers for ages 5-8) and Graham and Theo (teachers for ages 9+) look forward to seeing you! At 10 a.m., infants through age 4 and their guardians may join Kimberley in the light blue (first) classroom for an inter-generational time of prayer, music, and mindful breathing.

New Option to Give to First Pres.: Don't carry cash anymore but still feel called to give? Just text (203) 689-7515 and type in the amount you'd like to give. Then follow the instructions that are sent to you henceforth. Christ calls us to give with a joyful heart - let us rejoice that we might give freely for the ministry of Christ in the world.

 **ULA Meetings** - Being a sanctuary church means we are called to work as hard as we can to ensure no one needs to take sanctuary with us. Families need our support ensuring they remain together and in their own homes. One way that we can build relationships with families in need is by attending the ULA (Unidad Latina en Accion) meetings held at First & Summerfield United Methodist Church in downtown New Haven on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Each meeting, we need 2 representatives from First Press to attend. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com; search for signups originating from office@fpcnh.org

Food Donations for Food Insecure Neighbors: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Save the Dates: Cozy Potlucks on Nov 3rd and Dec 1st: How does an evening of interesting food and even more interesting conversation with new friends sound? Join 6-8 others at someone's home for a potluck on Saturday evening in November and/or December. Sign up to attend at www.signupgenius.com (find FPCNH signups using the email, office@fpcnh.org). If you just have questions, contact Dick Hasbany. Think low key, tasty, and cozy!

Save the Date, Organ Recital Oct 28, 7 p.m.: On the evening of Reformation Sunday we will have a special event for the season—an organ recital on our tracker organ by Gavin Black. Gavin grew up in the East Rock neighborhood of New Haven, and even practiced on our organ as a teenager! He has a bachelor's degree from Princeton, a master's degree in keyboard from Westminster Choir College and currently is the Director of the Princeton Early Keyboard Center.

Looking Ahead: Children of all ages in the church will lead the congregation in worship from start to finish on December 9th for their annual advent service. This year our story is the life of John the Baptist. If you are a child who's interested in participating in the play or co-leading worship in any other way, write to kimberley@fpcnh.org by October 28th.

This Week

Sunday, October 7	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Bread for the World letter writing
Monday, October 8	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Wednesday, October 10	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Saturday, October 13	9:00 a.m.	Property Work Day
	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, October 14	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck Lunch
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@United Church on the Green

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is continuing rehab after surgery.

Joanne Wood, Becky Cline's mother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kevin Morrison, Fiona Scott Morton's brother in law, and his family as his mother enters hospice.

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

The Frew family, celebrating Susannah Frew's marriage to Phil Dameron last weekend.

Those who struggle with addiction.

People who are homeless.

Prayers for our immigrant friends in local sanctuary churches, and for their families.

James Smit, who is serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

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Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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